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REPORT

TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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EVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     

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DATE OF CONTENT                     DATE OBTAINED                     DATE PREPARED 27 March 1951REFERENCES                     PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS                     

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1. On 25 February 1951, two twin-engine aircraft with single-rudder assemblies, and nose wheels parked between two closed hangars at the Koethen (M 52/D 95) airfield. The aircraft were covered with tarpaulins. (1) 50X1-HUM
2. There was no flying at the field between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 25 February. Officers and soldiers wearing blue service color were seen. Trucks                      were observed at the western entrance to the field.                      50X1-HUM
3. A new taxiway, about 10 meters wide, extended from the hangars to the southwest where it was connected with the new runway. The view of the field was obstructed by a board fence which extended from the railroad crossing along the Baasdorfer Strasse as far as about kilometer stone 91.6 on the eastern edge. 50X1-HUM
4. About 350 meters south of the road fork, near kilometer stone 879 on Baasdorfer Strasse, was a fuel dump. The dump was in the airfield area, next to the spur track. About 20 containers were seen in the dump. These were from 2 to 4 and from 6 to 7 meters long and approximately 1.5 to 2.5 meters in diameter.                      50X1-HUM
5. A bomb dump about 50 meters square was on the southern edge of the field, approximately 150 meters west of Baasdorfer Strasse. It was illuminated by arc-lamps and guarded by sentries. The installation consisted of two closed, temporary buildings and a wooden shed 3 x 5 x 6 meters in which ammunition boxes were stored. About 350 to 400 bombs, packed in special boxes, were stacked close to the temporary buildings. The weight of the bombs was estimated at 250 kg.                      50X1-HUM

Comments.

- (1) The aircraft observed are probably A-20s.                      50X1-HUM
- The planes are probably assigned to the elements of an air reconnaissance regiment which is believed to be stationed at Koethen. A ground attack regiment is also stationed at the field.                      50X1-HUM
- The aircraft are probably parked in the three large hangars when there is no flying.                      50X1-HUM

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